

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 646

By McCormick

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Pfc. Travis Frederick Haslip of Ooltewah.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely death of Private First Class Travis Haslip, a courageous member of the United States Army who gave his life in the defense of our nation; and

WHEREAS, following in the patriotic tradition for which Ooltewah, Hamilton County, and the Volunteer State are renowned, Pfc. Travis Haslip was a brave and honorable member of the United States Army, 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, based in Fort Hood, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Travis Haslip, who was twenty years of age, lost his life while conducting combat operations in Baghdad, Iraq, on May 19, 2007; and

WHEREAS, born in Pontiac, Michigan, Pfc. Haslip grew up in Ooltewah and attended Ooltewah Adventist School, Ooltewah High School, Collegedale Academy, and Chattanooga State Technical Community College before enlisting in the U.S. Army in December of 2005; and

WHEREAS, Pfc. Travis Haslip was deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and like thousands of others of this great nation's sons and daughters, Travis Haslip did not shrink from serving in combat; he believed in the justice of the cause to protect our national security and liberty and to free the Iraqi people from the chains of injustice; and

WHEREAS, Travis Haslip's dedication to excellence in the military and his love of family, his fellow soldiers, and his country are exemplified in his sacrifice of life itself in defense of all that he held dear and stand as enduring examples of all the characteristics that have ensured the continued freedom of our nation and the preservation of its ideals over the course of our history; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Travis Haslip was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart in recognition of his dedicated and courageous service to his nation; and

WHEREAS, Travis Haslip is survived by his mother and stepfather, Lana and Denis McDonald; father and companion, Fred Haslip and Joy White; sister, Rachel Howard; two nieces, Rene and Stephanie Howard; grandmothers, Lucille Furman and Frances Haslip; grandfather, Clere (Carol) Braman; great-grandfather, Shirley (Jessie) Van Deusen; step-grandparents, Danny and Carol McDonald; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his grandfather, Frank Haslip; and

WHEREAS, Pfc. Travis Haslip was an active and devout member of Ooltewah Seventh-Day Adventist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, this valiant Tennessean leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly should pause to remember the singular patriotism, courage, and commitment to duty of this exceptional soldier and human being, the late Private First Class Travis Haslip, United States Army, whose loss is mourned by a grateful nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Private First Class Travis Frederick Haslip, a man of impeccable character and limitless courage who stalwartly committed himself to the defense of his nation as a member of the United States Army, and reflect fondly upon his bravery and dedication to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and friends of Pfc. Haslip.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.